

Maryland Green Purchasing Committee
Transition Team Overview

ENABLING STATE STATUTE

Article - [State Finance and Procurement §14–410](#)

STATUTORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Budget & Management

Business & Economic Development

Education

Environment

General Services

Health & Mental Hygiene

Information Technology

Natural Resources

Public Safety & Correctional Services

University System of Maryland

Treasurer

Transportation

RESPONSIBILITIES

The Committee shall provide the State with information and assistance regarding environmentally preferable purchasing, including:

1. the promotion of environmentally preferable purchasing through education and training;
2. the development and implementation of statewide policies, guidelines, programs, best practices, and regulations;
3. coordination with other State or federal agencies, task forces, workgroups, regulatory efforts, research and data collection efforts, or other programs and services relating to environmentally preferable purchasing;
4. the publication of environmentally preferable specifications to be adopted by State agencies; and
5. the framework and format for State unit reports required under State Finance and Procurement Article § 14–405.

SUCCESES

Green Purchasing Summer Conference

Purpose: Educate state procurement staff and promote environmentally preferable products on state contract
July 2014

- Keynote Speakers
 - Treasurer Nancy Kopp
 - Alicia Culver, Director of the Responsible Purchasing Network
- Education Sessions - 6
- Exhibitor Show – 22 vendors
- 200 attendees representing 46 agencies, schools, universities, and local governments

Environmentally Preferable Specifications

Purpose: Requirements for purchases that address Fuel Savings, Waste Reduction, Hazardous Material Reduction, etc.

Published 2014:

- Appliances and Heating & Cooling Equipment
- Lighting Products
- Disposable Food Service Supplies
- Electronic Product Disposal
- Electronic and IT Products
- Janitorial Supplies
- Paper and Office Supplies
- Shell Eggs
- Paint
- Organics Recycling
- Janitorial Services
- Snow and Ice Control

Green Purchasing Newsletter

Purpose: Provide information to procurement staff across the state about environmentally preferable specifications, best practices, state contracts, events and reporting requirements.

Published quarterly since 2013

Environmentally Preferable Purchasing Best Practices Manual

Purpose: Provide guidance to state purchasers regarding environmentally preferable purchasing

Update published 2014

Green Purchasing Contract Reference Guides

Purpose: Provide details to purchasers about green products available on contracts

Published 2014:

- Janitorial Supplies
- Maintenance, Repair and Operations (MRO) Supplies

2015 STRATEGY PROPOSED ACTIVITIES

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Summer 2015

- Keynote Address
- Education Sessions
- Exhibitor Show

Environmentally Preferable Specifications/Contract Reference Guides

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Drafted – to be published 2015

- Tires
- Asphalt
- Furniture
- Vehicles

Under Consideration

- All Terrain and Neighborhood Utility Vehicles
- Pest Control Services
- Ware Washing
- Herbicides

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Consider publishing bi-monthly